

Clyde Milan Is First Veteran to Reach Here to Report to Captain George McBride

GRIFFITH PLANS KEEPING TAB ON YOUNG TWIRLERS

Those Showing Any Promise Will Be Farmed to Minors.

EXPECTS TO CARRY EIGHT ALL SEASON

Boys Given Chance Yesterday to Show Some of Their Speed, Minus Curves.

By "SENATOR."

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., March 6.—Not one of the young pitchers working out with the Nationals will be allowed to escape from the clutches of Manager Griffith if he shows the least sign of eventually becoming a good man for the big league.

"If I see some young fellow who looks to have the proper physical build and sufficient brains to develop into a good man in a couple of years," said the Nationals' manager yesterday, after the squad had completed their day's work, "I'll keep a line on him. I'm willing to carry a few young fellows with the team all season, if they look as if they might learn something from watching the other pitchers. No one will be dropped entirely unless he fails to show any promise."

Keeps Promising Ones.

As a result of this attitude on the part of Manager Griffith, the Nationals will have a large roster all season long, several promising youngsters being kept throughout. However, it is not to be expected that Griffith will keep all twelve pitchers now on the muster rolls. Probably four will be let go and the struggle here is to keep out of the unlucky four.

Not until May 20, will the team have to cut down its playing strength and Manager Griffith figures to learn enough about the youngsters before that time to make a correct decision in the case of each. It is very likely that a pitching corps of at least eight men will be kept, but if any of the other four looks as if he would develop with more experience, and another year on his shoulders, he will be fastened to a string attached to a minor league club on one end and to the Senators building in Washington on the other.

Copied Connie Mack.

In other words, Griffith plans to build up the Washington club in much the same manner that Connie Mack has built three American League champions, by never losing any young players who are untried for the big show, but who may become worthy members of the major circuit with a few years' more of work in the minors.

In both of yesterday's workouts, Griffith paid particular attention to Paul Musser, the rookie finger from Canton, and "Cotton" Johnson, the amateur twirler from Vandalia, Ill. The manager climbed into a uniform, put on a catching mitt and caught on their fellows until their arms were hanging by their sides and the palms of his own hands were puffed and red. Griffith's first appearance of 1912 in a uniform and he was kept very busy. Musser unhooked a number of his fast balls when ordered to pitch to Griffith and the latter seemed rather pleased with the exhibition. Young Johnson, the most hopeful of the entire camp, was particularly glad of an opportunity to show something of his arms and he was a very successful windup and a world of sizzling speed. Indeed, most of the pitchers except Tom Hughes used far more speed in their second day's work than in their first appearance. Joe Engel, the Washington wizard, kept Al Smith hopping around like a cat on a hot tin roof. "Huck" Cassion continued his excellent showing of the day before, and is really the best of the lot now in training.

Doesn't Want Curves.

"I don't want any of you boys trying curves yet," Griffith said before the practice opened. "There is plenty of time for you to do that when we are outdoors and after you've got your arms warmed. I don't want any lame arms here. I want you to bring your arms faster than anything I know of."

But there is no order against speed, and many of the boys went sailing fast. Jerry Akers worked like a Trojan on the floor of the gymnasium and then ran a mile around the track up stairs, in an effort to get off that extra beef around his tummy. Joe Boehling, the Richmond hotbox cut plus performance, the result of practicing curves last week at his home in the Virginia capital. However, Mike Martin is curing for the sore elbow, and he hopes to have Boehling doing his best in a day or so more.

Musser is a cautious lad, and doesn't overwork himself. "I'm not going to throw my arm out right at the start," said he to the writer. "I want to come around gradually, and then, when I do begin to open up, I'll be able to make a lasting impression."

Eager To Shine.

Yesterday's workout found the boys eager to make a good showing. The entire crew dressed in fifteen minutes and were shooting their fast ones the length of Fawcett's gymnasium into the big mitt of Henry, Al Smith, Williams, and Manager Griffith. Over on the side Morgan and Cunningham were busy. Griffith took the deliveries of "Dixie" Walker, Musser, "Private John" Allen, and "Cotton" Johnson. Williams had the two southpaws, Becker and Pommie, Cassion and Engel were driving their cannonball shots into the mitt of Al Smith. Henry kept "Mussa John" Henry busy. Walker was the first to be released from the winning out, and sent running around the track in the gym. The others followed until all the pitchers were done and in their shoes. But in the basement, then the three hotboxers and Cunningham and Morgan had their innings. Griffith kept them chasing balls for almost three-quarters of an hour, and when he called a halt Cunningham and Williams were well

Some of the New Men Who Are in Camp With the Washington Ball Club



JOE ENGEL

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AKERS

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(By Young, the veteran slaban, is now planning to write a book covering his baseball career.)

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A Few Hints to Cy.

(Anent his forthcoming volume of personal reminiscences.)

If Author Young hasn't got too far along in his edition, here are a few things that might be of general interest to a few of us who were not there when the ark was launched:

1. Did Helen of Troy have anything on Col. L. Russell when the latter was at the top of her game?
2. What sort of an alibi did Methusalem flash when Kid Time knocked him out in the 96th round?
3. Did Cleopatra have all the speed and curves attributed to her by the sport writers of that period?
4. Was the David-Goliath scrap a frame-up or on the level?
5. What kind of a bloke was Samson off the field? A regular fellow or a crab?
6. Who, in your opinion, after seeing both work, was the greatest leader, Alexander, Caesar, or Connie Mack?

And then again there is this side to it. If the Giants hadn't pilfered 347 bases, their average of hits converted into runs might have been about 27 per cent, in place of 54.

On the dope of last season's tabular statistics, the sacrifice is a better run developer than base stealing. The Cubs, with 134 fewer stolen bases, scored more runs with 42 more sacrifice hits than the Giants employed. Just what this might develop after full research is another guess.

The first point to consider is winning the game. The second is the number of runs required for this

diverting purpose. And how you get 'em runs a poor third so long as you get 'em. The correct play in baseball is the one you can get away with. And there's never yet been another sport developed worth three whoops in grandold Gehenna. Whatever the game, there's only one answer at the showdown—did it make good—or did it fizzle? And there you are.

Jobs That Are Open.

With so many youngsters attempting to bust their way into polite circles of the game, a brief summary of open gaps in rank might be of interest. The Giants can use an outfielder and another pitcher. The Cubs have room for two pitchers and two infielders, unless Chance and Evers report in shape. The Yanks could use two new infielders to advance.

Detroit can use another infielder, a pair of pitchers and an outfielder. Pittsburgh has a gap still open at first for a debutante to plug. A hard-hitting outfielder and another slaban can find room in the Philly line-up. There are nine jobs open for Brown recruits. A promising youngster might break in upon the Athletics as a bat boy if he could hit 300 when the rest of Mack's team needed respite from the daily toil.

Here is an answer to the deadly mystery at last. The author of the "Houn' Dog" melody is Charles Victory Faust, the well-known epic poet of Marion, Kan. If Faust didn't write it, he overlooked a cinch bet, for the general make-up of Mr. Faust and the epic are exactly alike, without the difference of a comma.

Thunderstorm Stops Cubs From Practice

NEW ORLEANS, La., March 6.—A lifetime thunderstorm butted in and cheated Manager Chance out of his first day's workout yesterday, but today the Cub boss was planning to put his regulars and recruits through a "course of sprouts" on the diamond. Sheppard, Archer, and Richie have joined the team.

Doc White Proves to Be Clever Southpaw

CHICAGO, March 6.—Doc White, the Chicago portlander of note, proved the cleverest of all left-handers when it came to getting them over. He averaged only 15 passes per game, being ahead of most of the right-handers. Lefty Liefeld, the Pirate sidewheeler, topped the National Leaguers at locating the plate, his passes averaging 25 per game.

George Stovall Will Play With the Browns

CLEVELAND, Ohio, March 6.—George Stovall, first baseman last season and ex-manager of the Cleveland Naps, will play with the St. Louis Browns. He came here yesterday, closed on his affairs and left. Stovall, traded for Lefty George, denied he had any grievance.

Mackmen vs. San Antonio.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 6.—Weather permitting, the Athletics Yankins will play their last game with San Antonio this afternoon. Having lost two games to the Bronchos, the Mack youngsters are anxious to win. Salmon and Hoek will probably pitch.

Will Go to Reading.

READING, March 6.—Manager Coughlin of Reading, has received several letters from Hughie Jennings, and was informed by the latter that any players that could be spared will be sent to Reading. Coughlin expects to get two pitchers and two infielders from Detroit.

Harmon Has Mumps.

ST. LOUIS, March 6.—Pitcher Bob Harmon, of the St. Louis Cardinals, was unable to start today with the St. Louis Cardinals because of a bad case of mumps.

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CLYDE MILAN HERE READY TO GO SOUTH WITH GEO. M'BRIDE

Captain Is Expected This Afternoon to Take Charge of Squad.

OTHER VETERANS ARE EXPECTED THIS WEEK

Second Section of Nationals Goes to Charlottesville Next Sunday.

Clyde Milan, the clever Washington outfielder, reached here today from his home in Linden, Tenn., where he has been spending the winter.

Milan has been spending most of the winter out of doors, looks in excellent condition, and is ready to go to Charlottesville as soon as the word is said.

George McBride is due here late this afternoon to take charge of the veterans who are expected to be reporting every day from now until Sunday, when the captain will head the second section of the Nationals on the trip to the training camp.

Late this afternoon Walter Johnson and Bob Groom joined the party at the Dewey.

Groom will leave this evening for Charlottesville to report for work.

Swanson and Salander Bowl Highest Scores

CHICAGO, March 6.—Arthur Swanson and Al Salander, of the Camp Kiowa League of Chicago Bowlers, are the winners of the American Bowling Congress tournament today following their non-stop action work on the alleys in the doubles and individual games last night. Playing the doubles, these cracks took first place with a score of 1,225. Then Swanson rolled 630, taking top position in the individuals, while his partner took second with a score of 1,225. The five-men teams failed to show average form last night and standings were not changed. The All Malls, with 5,122, still hold first place.

Georgetown's Quintet Meets Pennsylvanians

Georgetown and the University of Pittsburgh will meet this evening at 9 o'clock at the Arcade in a basketball game which promises to furnish some pretty good sport.

The line-up follows: Georgetown. Positions. Pittsburgh. Washington. R. F. H. Campbell. Whalen. C. F. H. Campbell. McDowell. Hollander. Chisner. C. F. H. Campbell. Solflower. R. G. W. F. Campbell. Heiskell. L. G. G. Campbell.

Duchesse and Monday Are Ready for Bout

Tom Duchesse and Young Monday are ready for a welter-weight wrestling bout at the Gayety this evening. Monday reached here last night from his home in Brooklyn and immediately entered into negotiations with Joe Turner for a finish match upon condition that Duchesse is beaten this evening. Turner will be on hand, and it is expected that he will accept the challenge.

Hollow Stars Ready.

The Hollow Stars challenge any team of the city for games. The following candidates will try for the team: Outfielders—Murry, Daly, Barry, Virstein; Infielders—Chisler, Watson, T. Barry, Herbert; pitchers—Calbert, Bell, Christie, catchers—Henley, Davis, and Knott. Address Ray Virstein, 128 F street southeast.

Patterson Is Manager.

A. W. Patterson, of Arkansas, was elected manager of the Gallaudet basketball team at a special meeting last night and the choice of Walter Durian, as captain, was ratified.

Johnson Wins At Pool.

A good pool exhibition was seen at the Lums' Athletic Club last night when Johnson defeated Baum, 100 to 50. Tonight Moore made Rosenthal in a match game of 100 points.